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Committee on Earth Observation Satellites 17th Plenary Meeting Colorado Springs, Colorado November 19-20, 2003 CEOS/17/Agency Report: ESA/Handbook

Item 19.8

TITLE

ESA Report: CEOS Handbook 2003 Update

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The European Space Agency (ESA) provides this document to update participants on ESA's activities on behalf of CEOS with regard to updates of the CEOS Handbook.

ACTION PROPOSED

The 17th CEOS Plenary participants are invited to note the information contained in this paper.



EO Handbook

2003 Update

19th-20th November, 2002 Colorado Springs, USA

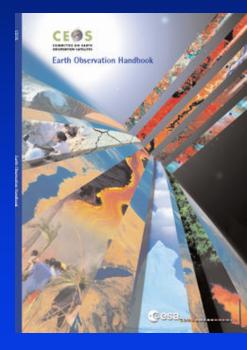
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EO Handbook

- ESA produced a new version of the EO Handbook in 2002:
 - Book
 - CD-ROM
 - On-line http://www.eohandbook.com
- Extremely well received and utilised
 - Over 2000 hits per week on-line!





Update

□ Recognised that the Handbook and underlying CEOS/WMO Database of Missions and Requirements are crucial for strategic analysis (eg by GEO)

 Handbook and Database update process consolidated in 2003

- ESA and WMO co-operating to gather, assimilate, and process the updates from CEOS Members
- WMO producing a new Database CD-ROM
- ESA producing an update to the Handbook (only on-line version to be updated in 2003)
 - Mission and Instrument tables
 - Parameter timelines
 - Summary of events of 2002-3





Update

- □ Thanks to all agencies for the contributions
- □ Those few agencies with inputs outstanding asked to input ASAP
- □ Handbook updates expected to be complete and available on-line by end December 2003

